COMMUNITY

STATION 20

Kids at Play





THE RECONSTRUCTION OF CENTRAL 70 includes far more than just a highway. As the highway drops below, a 4-acre park will soon start to take shape above I-70, between Columbine and Clayton streets. This park is intended to reconnect the Elyria-Swansea neighborhoods after the original construction of I-70 split the neighborhoods. This will be one of just 22 similar highway parks across the nation. The concept of building a park over I-70 was originally presented to the public in 2012 and 2013, along with the introduction of the lowered highway alternative.

Between 2013 and 2016, students, parents and members of the community played an integral role in designing the park, which will include two soccer fields; an amphitheater with an artfully designed pavilion; a splash pad including five water features, designed with sustainability and energy conservation in mind; and a playground area with seat walls for easy supervision. In addition, 100 trees will be planted, and public restroom facilities, bottle-filling stations and drinking fountains will be available.

Fun Facts on the Public Park

The straight scoop on the Central 70 Project



Students, parents and members of the surrounding community were involved in designing the park's amenities



Acres of park space will extend over I-70 between Columbine and Clayton streets equivalent to more than 3 football fields



Similar highway
parks across
the nation



The park connects the Elyria-Swansea neighborhoods

Park amenities





Two 25 x 50 yard soccer fields

for use of the elementary school during school hours



Splash pad

five water features, designed with sustainability and energy conservation



Amphitheater

artfully designed pavilion structure with tree-lined events lawn



Tot lot and additional playground area

1,500 square feet with seat walls for easy supervision





Number of trees that will be planted



1,450

People the events lawn can accommodate



2022

Year the park name will be determined by the community



2012

Year the concept of building a park over I-70 was first presented to the public

Did you know?

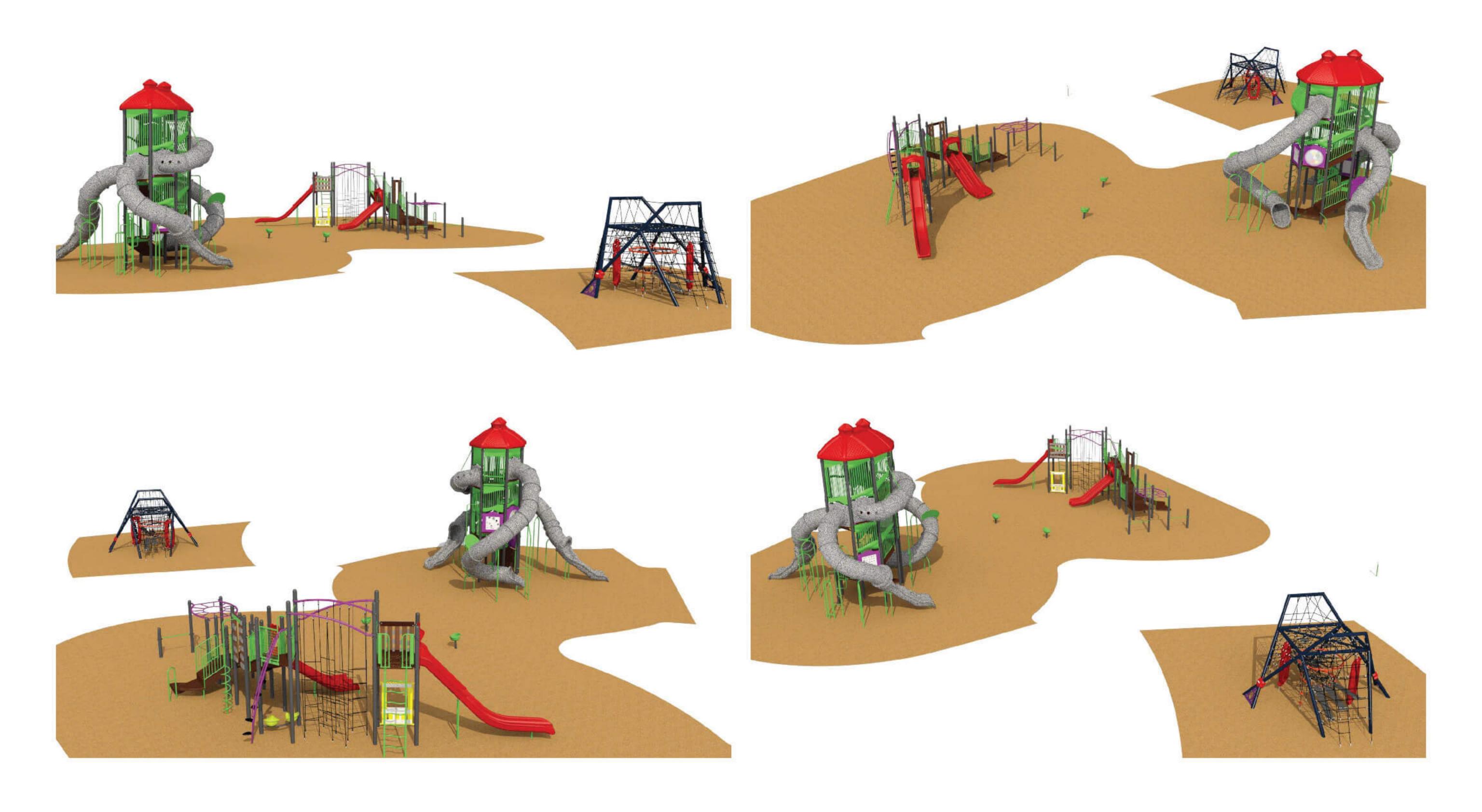


- The 'bookends' or areas that extend west of Columbine and east of Clayton streets were added to the design and paid for by the City and County of Denver.
- An adventure playground with iconic climbing equipment is one of the elements in the east side community space.
- Public restroom facilities, bottle-filler and drinking fountains – for both people and dogs – will be available.

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Final renderings of the future playground equipment at Swansea Elementary School.



Future Outdoor Park Area Renderings











A series of meetings was held in 2015-16 for neighborhood residents to give their input on what the cover park should look like and what amenities should be included.







